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1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a bent glass sheet comprising:

heating a glass sheet in a heating furnace to a temperature where the glass sheet is changeable in shape,

conveying the glass sheet out off the heating furnace, and

bending the glass sheet by pressing the glass sheet together with at least one belt made of a heat-resistant material against a bending surface of a bending member,

wherein the glass sheet is bent while the glass sheet is conveyed along the bending surface with the belt that travels between the glass sheet and the bending surface, and the bending surface is curved at least in the direction that is perpendicular to the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a degree of curvature of the bending surface gradually increases in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the bending surface is also curved in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the glass sheet is conveyed with the belt so that the glass sheet gradually deviates from a direction in which the glass sheet is conveyed from the heating furnace.

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5. The method according to claims 3 or 4, wherein the glass sheet is bent so as to have a predetermined curvature with respect to the conveying direction.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising cooling the glass sheet for quenching or annealing after separating the glass sheet from the belt.

7.(Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a bent glass sheet comprising:

a heating furnace for heating a glass sheet to a temperature where the glass sheet is changeable in shape, and

a bending apparatus adjacent to the heating furnace so as to accept the glass sheet from the heating furnace and bend the glass sheet while conveying the glass sheet, the bending apparatus including a conveying passage for the glass sheet,

wherein the bending apparatus further includes a bending member having a bending surface and at least one belt made of a heat-resistant material for conveying the glass sheet, and the bending surface is curved at least in the direction that is perpendicular to the conveying direction of the glass sheet, and at least a portion of the belt is arranged along the bending surface of the bending member, thereby contacting this bending surface.

8. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a degree of

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curvature of the bending surface gradually increases in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

9. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the bending surface is also curved in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

10. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the conveying passage gradually deviates from a direction in which the glass sheet is conveyed from the heating furnace.

11. The apparatus according to claim 7, further including a cooling apparatus for quenching or annealing the glass sheet adjacent to the bending apparatus.

12. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the cooling apparatus includes a curved conveying passage for the glass sheet that has a predetermined curvature with respect to the conveying direction of the glass sheet.